

641—35.5(105) Licensure by work experience in jurisdictions without licensure requirements.**35.5(1) *Work experience.***

a. An applicant for initial licensure who has relocated to Iowa from another jurisdiction that did not require a license to practice the profession may be considered to have met the applicable educational and training requirements if the person has at least three years of full time work experience within the four years preceding the date of application for initial licensure. For each application submitted under this rule, the board will determine whether the applicant's prior work experience was substantially similar to the applicable apprenticeship training that is required for individuals licensed under 641—Chapter 29.

b. If the board determines an applicant's prior work experience was not substantially similar to the scope of practice in Iowa, the applicant may submit a subsequent application for licensure by work experience if all of the following criteria are satisfied:

(1) The applicant enrolls in an apprenticeship program approved by the United States Department of Labor;

(2) The applicant obtains a board-issued apprentice license; and

(3) The applicant successfully completes one year in the apprenticeship program.

c. The applicant must satisfy all other license requirements, including passing any required examinations, to receive a license.

35.5(2) *Required documentation.* An applicant seeking to substitute work experience in lieu of satisfying applicable education or training requirements bears the burden of providing all of the following by submitting relevant documents as part of a completed license application:

a. Proof of Iowa residency, which may include:

(1) A residential mortgage, lease, or rental agreement;

(2) A utility bill;

(3) A bank statement;

(4) A paycheck or pay stub;

(5) A property tax statement;

(6) A document issued by the federal or state government; or

(7) Any other board-approved document that reliably confirms Iowa residency.

b. Proof of three or more years of full time work experience within the four years preceding the application for Iowa licensure, which demonstrates that the work experience was substantially similar to an applicable apprenticeship program approved by the United States Department of Labor. Proof of work experience may include, but is not limited to:

(1) A letter from the applicant's prior employer or employers documenting the applicant's dates of employment and scope of practice;

(2) A paycheck or pay stub; or

(3) If the applicant was self-employed, business documents filed with the secretary of state or other applicable business registry or regulatory agency in the other jurisdiction.

c. Proof that the applicant's work experience involved a substantially similar scope of practice to the practice in Iowa, which must include:

(1) A written statement by the applicant detailing the scope of practice and stating how the work experience correlates to an applicable apprenticeship program approved by the United States Department of Labor; and

(2) Business or marketing materials detailing the services provided.

d. Proof that the other jurisdiction did not require a license to practice the profession, which may include:

(1) Copies of applicable laws;

(2) Materials from a website operated by a governmental entity in that jurisdiction; or

(3) Materials from a nationally recognized professional association applicable to the profession.

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